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DIRECTORY.

We are pleased to publish the following directory for the benefit of our citizens and visitors, and to insure correctness the News should be promptly notified when changes occur.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen—S. B. Twitchell, C. E. Barker, West, F. J. Russell. Clerk, L. T. Barker; Treasurer, W. W. Hastings; Supt. of Schools, H. H. Hastings; School Committee, Miss Jane Gibson, Z. W. Bartlett, East; N. F. Brown; Town Agent, A. E. Herrick; Collector, H. H. Bean; Auditor, Calvin Bisbee.

MAIL SERVICE.

Mails Close.
Going East, - 8:40 a. m., 3:15 p. m.
Closed mail for Portland and Boston, 8 p. m.
Mails Arrive.
From East - 10:50 a. m.; 4:50 p. m.
From West, - 9:15 a. m., 3.:45 p. m.

CHURCHES.

Methodist Episcopal, Main street, Rev. W. B. Eldridge, Pastor. Sunday—Prayer meeting, 10 a. m.; Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League 6:15 p. m.; Prayer meeting, 7 p. m. Tuesday—Class meeting, 7:30 p. m. Friday—Prayer meeting, 7.30 p. m.

Universalist, Church street, Rev. F. E. Barton, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p.m.

Congregational, Church street, Rev. Arthur Varley, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m. Junior S. C. E., 4 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.
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Union Church, West Bethel, supplied by Rev. Arthur Varley and Rev. F. E. Barton. Sunday—Preaching, 2:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 3:30 p. m.

LIBRARY.

Public Library, Broad street. Open Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p. m.; Saturday, 4 to 8 p. m. Over 2000 volumes. Mrs. G. R. Wiley, President; Annie Frye, Secretary; Mrs. O. M. Mason, Treasurer; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Librarian.

FRATERNAL ORDERS.

Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M.—N. E. Richardson, W. M.; W. E. Abbott, S. W.; H. C. Rowe, J. W.; M. W. Chandler, Treas; D. G. Lovejoy, Sec. Meets second Thursday of each month.

Mt. Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 31—A. C. Frost, N. G.; E. S. Kilborn, V. G.; Chas Mason, Rec. Sec.; C. C. Bryant, F. S.; S. I. French, Treas. Meets Friday evenings.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 64—Martha A. Gibson, N. G.; Alice J. Farwell, V. G.; Jane H. Gibson, Rec. Sec'y; Marcia Hastings, Fin. Sec'y; Ellen M. Burbank, Treas. Meets first and third Monday of each month.

Bethel Grange, No. 56—John F. Howe, Master; Mrs. C. E. Valentine, Lecturer; J. S. Hutchins, Secretary. Meets Saturday afternoons, once in two weeks.

Sudbury Col., No. 50, U. O. P. F.—J. C. Billings, Gov.; E. C. Park, Sec.; E. S. Kilborn, Treas. Meets the first and third Monday of each month.

Bethel Lodge, No. 27, J. O. U. A. M.—C. O. Foster, C.; S. A. Gibson, R. S.; F. J. Tyler, F. S.; Harry Jordan, Treas. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

Brown Post, No. 84, G. A. R.—Ira Jordan, P. C.; A. M. True, Adjt. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7.30 p. m.

Brown Post, W. R. C., No. 36—Mrs. Arvilla Morgan, Pres.; Mrs. C. S. Littlehale, Sec.; Miss E. E. Burnham, Treas. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month.

Bethel W. C. T. U.—Mrs. J. C. Billings, Pres.; Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Sec.; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Treas.

CORPORATIONS.

Bethel Savings Bank—S. B. Twitchell, Pres.; A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Manufacturing Co.—J. H. Barrows, Pres.; W. H. Winslow, Treas. and General Manager.

Bethel Water Co.—Enoch Foster, Pres.; A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Dairying Co.—W. E. Abbott, Manager.

Riverside Park Association—C. M. Wormell, Pres.; E. C. Rowe, Treas.

Bethel Light Co.—E. C. Bowler, Pres.; W. W. Hastings, Treas.

SOCIAL SOCIETIES.

Ladies' Club, Congregational—Pres., Mrs. F. S. Chandler; Vice Pres., Hattie Foster; Sec., Mrs. Hattie Richardson; Treas., Mrs. F. B. Tuell. Meets Thursday afternoon.

Ladies' Circle, Universalist.—Mrs. L. A. Pratt, Pres.; Mrs. G. R. Wiley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Sec.; Mrs. E. C. Rowe, Treas. Meets Wednesday afternoon.

Ladies' Church Aid Society, Methodist—Mrs. H. C. Andrews, Pres.; Mrs. Cyrene Littlehale, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Calvin Bisbee, Treas.; Miss Ethel Morse, Sec.

Columbian Club—Mrs. J. G. Gehring, Pres.; Miss Annie M. Frye, Sec.; Mrs. T. F. Hastings, Treas.

United Order of Golden Cross No. 434—N. C., J. H. Barrows; W. T., Calvin Bisbee; F. K. of R., S. W. Grover; K. of R., F. W. Bisbee.

The LOCAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Picked Up About Town by the News Man.

D. H. Mason spent Monday at Norway.

Miss Barbara A. Carter went to Berlin, Saturday.

O. M. Cummings of Norway was in town Monday.

Mark Swan drove to Gorham, N. H., last Friday.

Wm. C. Leavitt of Norway was in Bethel last week.

Amos Austin of East Bethel was in the village Thursday.

Walter Lawrence was in Gorham, N. H., last Friday.

Ada Lowe is working for Mrs. J. E. Pike at West Bethel.

Mr. John Holt of Boston is a guest at J. U. Purington's.

Ormie Farwell of East Bethel was in our village Saturday.

O. P. Farrington of Locke Mills was in the village Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Verrill of West Bethel was in the village Saturday.

Owen Demerritt and wife of Gilead were in the village Friday.

Gen. A. S. Twitchell of Gorham, N. H., was in the village Saturday.

W. D. Williamson, M. D., of Gorham, N. H., was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Susan Clough is quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. E. King.

Miss Rose Kimball went to East Bethel, Saturday, to spend Sunday at her home.

Robert C. Bisbee, Bowdoin, '03, arrived home Saturday to spend the holidays.

Howard Carter came down from Berlin and spent Christmas at his Bethel home.

Mrs. Helen Briggs is spending the holidays with friends at Cumberland Mills.

Mrs. Albert Kendall of Sweden has been visiting relatives in town the past week.

Oscar Grover of Boston has recently visited his mother, Mrs. Teresa Grover.

Louis Young went to Massachusetts, last week, where he hopes to obtain employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah George of Locke Mills were in the village Saturday afternoon.

Harold Hastings is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Hastings.

Mrs. B. K. Swift returned Wednesday evening from a visit of some weeks in Norway.

Mr. Harry Mason of Portland spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mason.

Mrs. Whidden and daughter Eva of Portland are spending the winter with Mrs. D. S. Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimball of East Bethel, drove up to the Hill, Saturday to do their Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Llewellyn Pratt went to Cambridge, Mass., last Saturday, to visit her husband and other relatives.

Mrs. Hattie Bond has returned from Westbrook, and is spending the winter with Mrs. Flavilla Brown on Spring street.

Mrs. M. A. Nevins of Boston is visiting her sister, Mrs. George E. King, and assisting in the care of her mother, Mrs. Susan Clough.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Burbank of Shelburne, N. H., visited at the home of Mrs. Burbank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mason, recently.

The schools throughout the town were closed this week until Wednesday morning, allowing teachers and pupils a brief Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Fannie Patterson of Boston is visiting her mother, Mrs. Angelia Clark, who had the pleasure of entertaining her entire family on Christmas day.

The Bethel friends of Moses Libby are sorry to learn that he has been quite ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Stubbs, who resides in Roslindale, Mass.

Geo. B. Farnsworth is home from Bowdoin College, to spend his holiday vacation.

Arthur Wiley came up from Bowdoin Saturday forenoon, to spend the holidays at home.

Teamsters are making the most of the fine sledding and as a result, wood sawyers are in demand.

Miss Bertha Wiley came home from Smith's College Wednesday, for a holiday vacation of two weeks.

Dr. Norman Gehring of Bowdoin is in Bethel on a three weeks' vacation, and is visiting at G. R. Wiley's.

Mr. Frank Merrill, who has been training horses at Rochester, N. H., came home the first of the week to spend a few days with his family.

Alonzo Chapman, who is employed near Berlin, N. H., by Blanchard & Twitchell of that place, spent Christmas at his home in Bethel.

Mr. A. Stabach, who has a lucrative position on the new fast mail steamer, Moro Castle, which plies between New York and Havana, is visiting S. A. Gibson, a friend and schoolmate, at his home on Spring St.

Harry L. Haynes, our popular laundryman, has purchased the Rumford Falls Steam Laundry, which employs six hands and does a business amounting to about $160 per week.

The teachers and pupils of the Grammar school, with a few outside friends, manifested the true spirit of Christmastide, Tuesday, by filling a large tub with fifty-three gifts and sending it to little Clinton Barchard.

Messrs. Irving and Edmund Clark of Flushing, L. I., and Mr. Roscoe Clark of Biddeford have been visiting at their home in Bethel. Mr. Roscoe Clark returned to Biddeford, Wednesday, accompanied by Edmund.

Rev. F. E. Barton, who went to Brownfield Monday, called there by the death of his step-father, returned to Bethel Friday with his mother, Mrs. Patten, who will in the future, make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Barton.

The annual reunion of the students of the Shaw Business College takes place at the College rooms at Portland, Augusta and Bangor, on Saturday evening, Jan. 5, 1901. All past and present students are cordially invited to be present.

Miss Nellie E. Bradley, who has been employed by F. L. Edwards the past summer and fall, went to Berlin, N. H., Thursday, from which place she returned to Bethel Saturday, leaving town again Monday to go to Boston, where she will visit her sister.

Miss Burnham brought a real, fresh Mayflower to the NEWS office last Friday. It had not, however, forced its lovely self up through our three feet of snow, but was picked by Mrs. Moses Coburn just before the snow came, and placed in a bottle of water there to show its appreciation of its tender care by putting forth some lovely blossoms a few days ago.

An occasion that will long be remembered by all who were present, was the skating party which the Van Den Kerckhoven brothers and Mrs. Van Den Kerckhoven gave on their pond and at their home. About thirty of Bethel's young people were invited, and were conveyed to and from the Kerckhoven farm in two-horse teams. The pond was well lighted by Japanese lanterns and a bon-fire, and after enjoying for a time the good skating, the party adjourned to the house where dainty refreshments and a social hour were enjoyed. It was a grateful and merry party that said good night and rode home in the big sleds, with the Japanese lanterns bobbing merrily about and the sound of the sled-bells ringing out on the wintry air.

There will be no meeting of the W. C. T. U. until Jan. 8.

Miss Lydia Peabody of West Bethel was in town, Wednesday.

Miss Florence Kilgore of North Newry was in the village Friday.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. B. Tuell, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Flint of Magalloway is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. J. Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barrows spent Christmas with the family of Herbert Young.

Misses Boothby and Mason came from Berlin, to spend Christmas with Mrs. O. M. Mason.

Mr. Perley Flint came from Poland Springs to Bethel to spend Sunday with his mother.

The NEWS is requested to say that a social dance will be given at Bell's hall, West Bethel, on Monday evening, Dec. 31.

Mrs. Etta Burgess has returned to her home on Elm street after spending six weeks in Turner, Leeds and Livermore.

Mr. Tom F. Hastings and wife and Harry E. Mason, of Portland, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mason.

It's a benefit for the Library. Do not stay away because you don't care for games. Come for the social hour, and patronize the refreshment tables.

Messrs. R. C., Edmund, and Irving Clark took their Christmas dinner at home, it being the first time that they have all set at the same table for twelve years.

Mrs. Frank Chandler spent a portion of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Bunting, at Lewiston Junction. Since her return Mrs. Chandler has been quite ill.

Remember there are no private invitations for the "Charity Whist" party. All interested in the Library are invited to join in the festivities. There will be other games for those who do not play whist.

Miss Alice Purington and Mr. Holt of Andover, Mass., who has been a guest at Mr. Purington's, went to Auburn, Tuesday, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Stinchfield at the wedding of their daughter Florence to Mr. Holt of Boston.

Amy Elizabeth Dudley, wife of Lewis F. Dudley formerly of South Waterford, died at her home in Washington, D. C., Dec. 18, at the age of 45 years, 4 months, and 22 days. Mrs. Dudley was the daughter of the late Granville E. Fernald of Harrison, who was well-known in Bethel.

Mr. Alex. Rankeillor, chief draftsman of the Saco and Pettee Machine Co. in Biddeford, has organized a mechanical drawing evening school. R. C. Clark, who entered their employ last April as draftsman has accepted the position of instructor in said school.

Mr. W. S. Wight was at home Christmas to visit his little daughter Marie. Mr. Wight has a large Festival Chorus at Livermore Falls also a chorus class at Dixfield and Canton, and is conducting the Cantata of Queen Esther at Rumford Falls, which is to be given in full costume about Jan. 20.

A black Fedora hat was lost at the Congregational church, last Monday night, or rather, it was exchanged for a brown one of the same size. The hat was from Rogers, Peet & Co. of New York, and if the person who got it by mistake will leave it at the NEWS office the proper exchange will be made.

The "Charity Whist" party for the benefit of the Library is not a private affair. The Trustees cordially invite your patronage, Monday evening, December 31st, at Odeon Hall. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Tickets 25 cents. Light refreshments will be for sale during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Hastings gathered around their Christmas board the following named group; Their son Harold of Boston, their brother-in-law, G. F. Bartlett of Butte, Montana, together with his three children and Miss Sophia Roberts of Park St., and Mrs. Eva Whidden and daughter Margaret of Portland.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES.

UNIVERSALIST.

Sunday forenoon Rev. Mr. Barton delivered a sermon appropriate to the occasion, special music being furnished by the choir. In the evening at 7 o'clock the church was well filled by an audience which gathered to enjoy the concert given by the Sunday school. Bright, lively chorus music, intermingled with solos, duets and short recitations, all went to make up a pleasing program, and indeed, the concert was one of the best ever given by the school.

Perhaps the most pleasing parts of the exercises were the solos by Susan and Carrie King, who took their places and sang like old and accomplished musicians.

Monday evening at 6:30, the spacious dining-room in the chapel was filled by a merry party, old and young together, who did full justice to the bountiful and attractive repast spread upon the tables by the ladies of the society. But even greater attractions for the young were to be found in the church, where two large Christmas-trees drooped beneath their burdens of gifts, but before distribution of the latter, a short program of exercises, consisting of music by the Sunday school and recitations by some of its younger members, was presented.

During the last number of the program, much excitement was caused among the young folks by the sound of approaching bells, and when the music ceased, the stamping of many feet, the jingle of bells, the crack of the whip and kindred other sounds, announced the fact that Santa Claus was near at hand; then the door burst open (there being no fireplace in the church) and in he came, all dressed in furs, and fairly loaded down with bundles and boxes of all sizes and kinds.

From somewhere in his pack came bags of candy for each and every girl and boy, and gifts in plenty, but to the disappointment of the children, Old Santa made but a brief stay, for he had many other calls to make, so off he went with his last words—a promise to come again next year—ringing in the ears of the little folks.

And then the trees had to give up their varied burdens, and the hearts of all were made glad by the merry sight, and with wishes for many a Christmas as merry as this, the people all went home, the boys and girls to hang up their stockings and dream of Old Santa Claus and the Christmases to come, and the older ones to think of the time when they were young and took so much pleasure in doing likewise.

METHODIST.

That Christmas had come again, those who attended the M. E. church last evening, had no occasion to doubt.

Especially pretty among the decorations was the row of little evergreens inside the altar rail with a glistening Christmas bell on each for the Junior League members from their superintendent.

The audience was greeted with a song by six young ladies at the opening of the exercises, followed by prayer by the pastor. Recitations by the little ones, and select reading and songs made up the usual program.

Seldom does one hear a long difficult selection recited more perfectly by so small a child than the one by Miss Esther Lovejoy, telling how Santa Claus, after dismissing the stern pedagogue, impatient with the pupils before Christmas day, restlessly taught astronomy, geography, natural history, botany, and all concerning Christmas, trees, reindeer, North Pole etc. Miss Annie Eldridge read a very pretty selection and Miss Helen Bisbee held the audience with sympathetic attention as she read the "Birds, Christmas Carol" in her usual graceful manner. Miss Bessie Andrews and Miss Lulu Arno sang a duet in a most perfect manner, Miss Bessie's rich contralto blending beautifully with Miss Lulu's sweet soprano; nothing on the program received more enthusiastic applause with the exception of the above mentioned duet, than did the solo rendered by little Miss Ida Tibbets without accompaniment. Her sweet voice and perfect control of the high notes was a pleasant surprise to all.

Everyone wore a happy face as the gifts were distributed. May the joy last through many a Christmas to come.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The usual Christmas supper was served at the Congregational church Monday night, and was enjoyed by a multitude of little folks and older ones as well, after which, all repaired to the chapel above and spent an half-hour in lively conversation by the older ones and genuine fun by the younger element. The tree was arranged in the center of the chapel, and was very prettily decorated and heavily laden with presents.

At the appointed hour the happy company became seated around the chapel and in the chapel parlor, and a short program, consisting of music, vocal and instrumental, reading, and a short talk on observance of Christmas in Micronesia by Mrs. Rand, was given, followed by the singing of a Christmas carol composed by Mrs. Herrick.

After singing the carol the little folks spent a few minutes playing games and then Santa Claus put in an appearance and the tree was relieved of its load of presents.

All felt that the occasion was indeed a successful one, and one to which the little folks could look back with pleasure.

This Space....

in the future issues of the NEWS will contain announcements of bargains, etc., in the line of

Jewelry,

Silverware,

Clocks,

Optical Goods

Etc., Etc.

This week I will only thank the public for the large holiday business I have had, and wish them all of the best wishes of the season.

Edw. King,

Jeweler AND Optician,

BETHEL.

Notice.

I have this day given Walter S. Reed Stearns his time, and shall hereafter claim none of his earnings nor pay any of his bills.

WILLIAM REED.

Rumford Pt., Dec. 26, 1900.

Lost.

Between G. R. Wiley's and the NEWS office, or the NEWS office and Ceylon Rowe's store, a pair of gold-bowed glasses with gold chain. Will the finder please leave the same at the NEWS office.

It will be your last chance to attend a party in the 19th century, so do not fail to attend the Bethel Library benefit at Odeon Hall Monday evening, Dec. 31st.

THE KING CAN DO NO WRONG.

The Night at Friarstone House, August, 1747.

By CLINTON ROSS.

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CHAPTER I.

What she had said impressed me much, I can assure you. That he had dared to come back, as he had, after all was done and said; that he was in this very house—all this made me for a moment hot and cold, and then I began to grasp the situation as it was presented to me. I began to reason about it as glibly as I could, when indeed I had no particular reason about it at all—in fine, a man dumfounded. There was an old clock with the name of the maker across its broad, placid, ticking face, which I afterward remembered, "John Dobbs, London." I awoke that night seeing that clock's face with John Dobbs' stolid name written straight across it, though then I was no more conscious I was observing than I was of the moon which cast yellowed diamond shapes from the panes on the oaken floor nor of the village that lay beyond with the wide sweep of the circling bay and the dim gray haze of the far sea mystery beyond.

I remember she stood against the fireplace, her hands crossed, the light of the one spluttering candle on her face, which never seemed to me more comely. Had I not come from Surrey the long distances of the north country to see her? And here I heard this astonishing news. He had disembarked at the point yonder in the shadow of the Stunleigh cliff. He was here in the house of Friarstone itself.

What possible motive could have brought him? What foolhardiness had led him here? Had we not spent enough blood and station and estate for him? A slow anger gathered as I thought it. My own father and brother were dead on the scaffold, on his account. This very girl who told me it—to whom I had come in the mood, the frenzy of lovemaking—had lost her own father in the Scot revolt. And it was only the protection and patronage of influential relations which kept the present lord, her brother, his estate of Friarstone.

"Where is your brother, then, Betty?" I said. "Does he know this?"

"He has not told me, at least," she said, resting her foot on the firedog where a single log smoldered. "He gave me not so much as a suspicion o' it, Will."

"Sit down, girl," said I almost roughly. "It was not an hour since, ye say?"

"Not an hour since, Will," she said. "Angus came to me and said that he must see me, and he led to the little wood back of the heath, where in the moonshine was a man heavily cloaked. 'Ah, Lady Betty,' said he, 'you scarce expected to see one you thought was in France.' And he threw back his coat, and there he was, the king—the prince."

"Charles Stuart," said I, "the prince. Yes."

"And I said to him," she continued, "'Sire, how dare you come to England?' and he said"—

She paused.

"'Tis no matter, Will, what he said. I brought him here into the house—and he is there—behind that door."

"Behind that door," I repeated, flecking the mud from my boot with my whip, for I had but just come. "Behind that door." And I added: "You are not eager, Lady Betty, to tell what he said to you, I see well. What Charles Stuart says to women is not for their men friends to hear. Yea, he lost a kingdom by his gallantries. And you, my Betty—you"—

She stopped with a quick toss of her head, a stamp of her foot.

"I'll not have you talk so, sir. You have no right over me, you must understand."

"I came here to ask those rights of you, Betty. I passed the long miles of many countries between Surrey and Friarstone to make that request."

"You can return without making it," she said. "Take it back unsaid to me, but spoken to some maid nearer London."

Her laughter rang out.

"Have you forgot, Betty, that we were boy and girl together? Have you forgot"—

"Oh, I have forgot much!" she said. "And I remember much—I"— She paused. "Hush!" she ended.

The door to the adjoining room opened and a man stood there in the doorway, debonair, smiling. If his face were rather grosser than when I had seen it two years before, he still preserved that charming gracefulness of manner and figure that had so excited the Scot devotion two years before; he was again the bonny Prince Charley for whom the Scots and some of us English had given up all, not the sorry vagabond, hopeless, defeated, who had escaped to France with his skin.

He advanced to the center of the room, looking first at Betty and then at me.

"Ralston," he said "William Ralston."

"It is good of your highness to remember me," I said. "I was not the head of my branch of the family when you left Scotland."

"Ah, I remember," he said with a fine display of feeling. "I remember your father died for me."

"He, your highness, was one of the Englishmen who joined the Scots in that enterprise."

"That unfortunate enterprise," he said slowly, "when so many gave their all for me—so many whom I never have been able to requite, whom I may never be able to."

"The Hanoverians, your highness," I said bluntly, "have crushed us. Not even your presence can stir the Stuarts."

"To the contrary, they, too, hate me."

"Yes; many," I acknowledged.

But Betty interrupted with sudden passion:

"No, no, sire; there are many who believe in you—who know you are king. William Ralston was not on your side."

"I took, your highness, as you know, the neutral side in '45," I said calmly. "I did not believe it could be accomplished."

"You left your father and brother to act for us," he said, looking me over with a certain fine critical stare. "But now, Mr. Ralston?"

"I have said I have not changed. I would not betray your highness, you



A man stood there in the doorway, debonair, smiling.

may be assured. Out of the tradition of my blood I will do what I may to hide you, to help you back to France. That is all."

"That is all," Betty repeated with a contemptuous ring in her voice.

But I went on.

"I know not on what information your highness has held it expedient to come to England. I am not well aware of the plots for the restoration, but in my mind it is a most inopportune moment. Your highness courts the scaffold."

He listened gravely till I ended, and then he laughed lightly and was serious again.

"William Ralston," he said, "is it not my own land—the land my forbears held?"

"Far be it from me, sire, to say that it is not."

"Yea, my lord," the prince continued. "Last summer at Saint-Germain there came, among others, your cousin, Lord Denleigh, and his sister, Lady Betty." And he bowed to Betty. "Among others, I say, they stirred me with a longing to see England, Scotland again. Can you imagine how that desire held me, sir? A fortnight ago I left Paris—unknown to every soul, and I escaped the notice of their agents. I chose to cross into England rather than to Scotland, and I found the sailor to convey me. Whom could I trust more than Denleigh? I was landed there under the cliff," and he pointed out into Friarstone harbor. "Denleigh is not at home," he added, "but Lady Betty has received me."

"Your highness, your highness," I cried, "do you expect your name will again be a talisman? Do you suspect that they will even raise your banner?"

"I know not. I am here in my own England," he insisted stubbornly.

"Yea, here," I cried, "and you bring danger on the house you are in—on those who receive you—on"—

"Man, man," he cried, "I must take the risk."

"After that failure," I said. "After two years ago"—

"Stop," said Betty. "Some one knocks."

I stopped then, hearing the low knock that in my passion I had not noted. Then recollecting myself, I motioned him into the room whence he had come, but he only replied with a quick, imperative gesture, looking very tall and royal. Betty, too, hesitated, looking at the prince, when he made to her the same impatient gesture, which seemed to awe her, since before I could interrupt she had thrown the door wide, when Angus appeared. Since the old man knew the secret, since he had first brought word, we both—that is, Betty and I—I think, drew breaths of relief, but the relief was only for a moment. Angus' ashen face, his tremulous hands, made us see that there was something else to fear, yet he was a man with little enough fear in him ordinarily. A faithful adherent of the house, he had been out with an earl of Denleigh both in '15 and in '45.

"Cap'n Broisen," he said. "Cap'n Broisen with some men from the garrison."

We understood what that meant.

"They have smelled a rat," said the prince quite calmly. "I may have underrated their spies."

"In there, sire," said Betty, pointing to the open door. "Quick! I will see the captain."

"No, Betty. I will see the captain in Denleigh's absence."

"You?" she said quickly. "You will, Ralston?"

"Well, am I not of the family, your second cousin?" said I.

"Yes, Lady Betty," the prince put in, "let Ralston see him."

"You trust me, your highness?" I asked proudly.

"I trust you, Mr. Ralston," the prince said simply.

I bent my head and left them, hurrying through the outer room into the great hall of Friarstone beyond it.

Broisen was one of those choleric, red faced troopers whom long service had in some way by its roughness deprived of the graces birth often gives (I'll not say always). Now he turned on his heel as I entered.

"You here, Mr. Ralston?" he said. "I thought you in the south. Where is my lord?"

"He has gone to Durham, I believe. I but just arrived, captain. How may things be in the Friarstone garrison?"

"Well enough, well enough, Mr. Ralston. So his lordship is at Durham. Well-a-day! I fancy it may be so. But Lady Betty, your cousin, Mr. Ralston?"

"Oh, captain, she begs to be excused! Allow me to be her poor substitute. My cousin is not feeling her best."

"Eh, not? Well, I'll tell you. There's a rumor"—

"A rumor, captain? If you were classically bred, you would know that rumor has many heads, each with a chattering tongue."

"This is a strange improbable one," said he.

"Well," I said, "what of it, captain? Doesn't it concern your visit here? Come, tell me."

"'Tis rumored, sir, that the pretender landed in the bay—and—where should he go?"

I broke into laughter.

"Where should he go, captain? Why, to be sure, to Friarstone House. Where else?"

"So it was surmised."

"Why, captain, I even believe you are serious."

"As serious as a crow, sir—as serious as a king's officer who must investigate such a rumor."

"But what," said I, "could bring Charles Stuart to England? Surely he's not such a fool. Is there any evidence at all of a plot—an uprising?"

"There be always a plot in that quarter, sirrah."

"True, true," said I, "but the very color of this rumor is sheer absurdity. Why should he be here? Would the prince so risk his neck? Why, 'twould be folly's height of folly, Captain Broisen."

"In a desperate cause men embrace follies," said the captain. "I must search Friarstone."

"Well, well, you shall have your pleasure," said I.

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TALES OF CITIES.

The municipal authorities of Glasgow are considering a proposition for the establishment of a city savings bank.

A register of strangers is now kept in Berlin. Records for the last 12 months show that over 1,000,000 travelers visited the city.

Chicago now contains a greater population than all the cities of the United States contained in 1840, and New York now has a greater population than all the cities together had in 1850.

Liverpool has been described as an Irish city in England. The Welsh, however, claim to have built it. Their language is frequently to be heard in its chapels and streets, particularly on Sundays.

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DAIRY AND CREAMERY.

A QUESTION OF QUALITY.

Does It Pay to Raise Dairy Cows to Sell?

The question as to whether it pays to raise dairy cows to sell is often raised and discussed, says L. W. Lighty in National Stockman, but much depends on the stock a man raises and the sale he has for his byproducts. Were I to sell my skimmilk I could get only 8 cents per 100 pounds. I can make considerable lowland hay that is a little rough and coarse and has practically no market value, as it is not salable, but young stock thrives on it.

Looking over my accounts, I find the cost about as follows the first year:

Value of calf when dropped	$2
50 cwt. skimmilk at 8c	4
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Grain	2
Total	$13

When about a year old, the heifer is served, and for the next nine months it costs just about half as much as it costs me to feed a cow one year, or $15.

Thus it costs me $28 to produce a heifer with a calf at its side. I doubt if they can be raised much cheaper in this part of the country.

If sold at this time, there would be very little or no profit, indeed, but if we have the right class of stock the heifer from now on will pay its way and some profit besides. My heifers frequently produce 300 pounds or more butter the first year. I have them well bred to start with. I feed and train them into good dairy cows, and when 4 or 5 years old I find no trouble to sell them at from $45 to $65. Ordinary scrubs at from $25 to $35 would bring us no profit, but rather loss, but dairy cows in the true sense of the term are always ready sale at good prices. Having done this kind of work for some years, my cows have won for themselves a reputation, and very frequently I have customers who keep but one or two cows for family use and are willing to pay for guaranteed stock.

I keep a careful record of all my cows, and my monthly milk sheets show just how much milk each cow gave. I have a Babcock tester, and if the customer wishes it I make a test right before his eyes. The very best I always keep for my own use and to breed from.

This makes me a profitable market for some unmarketable hay and gives me a profitable outlet for my skimmilk. Under certain conditions it is more profitable to buy than to raise, but that makes a market for those who are favorably situated to raise them. The conclusion is that it pays to raise good stock under certain conditions. Poor scrub stock never pays.

Dairy Evolution.

The latest development in the dairy industry and one that has attracted the most attention probably is dairy bacteriology, says D. W. Willson of Illinois in The American Agriculturist. It is only a few years since that the study of bacteriology has been sufficiently scientific to reach milk and its production. Today we find that the man who is up in his business is the dairyman who fully understands bacteria, where they come from, how they go and how to determine the good from the bad. The man who has the best knowledge along that line is the man who is best fitted to carry on dairying scientifically and exactly and to guarantee that his product will be always uniform provided his milk or the raw product has been delivered to him in the proper shape.

Marketing dairy products has been almost entirely revolutionized within the last 25 years. The methods of transportation have improved, and the methods of packing, packages and handling in every way have been so radically changed that the handler of butter of 25 years ago would hardly be able to understand or appreciate what has been accomplished unless he had grown up, as it were, with the improved methods.

We must have the dairy type, conformation of the cow to the business for which she is designed. We look upon the cow now as simply a machine through which the products of the farm are passed and from which we receive the milk in its perfect condition. The cow that would produce 100 or 200 pounds of butter per year 50 years ago was considered a fairly good cow, but the cow that does not produce 300 pounds of butter per year now is hardly considered up to date. This has been brought about by organization, by breeding and by studying the problem and finding out how the milking ability of the machine could be developed.

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WOMAN AND HOME.

FROM A HUMBLE LOG CABIN TO THE PALACE OF A LORD.

She Was Talking to Baby—Children at Meals—Beautiful Cora Livingston—Poor Economy—Kind Hearted Wilhelmina.

The life story of the present Lady Newborough is full of interest.

Alice and Grace Carr were daughters of George Montgomery Carr and were born near Leavenworth, Ind. Their father had been a soldier in the civil war and came home without anything much save a whole skin. He married and lived in a cabin in the woods near Leavenworth. It was out there in the woods that Alice and Grace were born 27 and 25 years ago. Culture and refinement did not have much of a foothold around Leavenworth.

In time he moved into Leavenworth, and when the girls were well into their teens he received an appointment as pension agent at Louisville, Ky., and moved with his family there.

In Louisville the girls' father made the acquaintance of Dr. George Griffiths, who affiliated with the Four Hundred and had some daughters about the age of



LADY NEWBOROUGH.

the Carr girls. Dr. Griffiths was an ardent admirer of fair girls, and when he saw Alice and Grace Carr he whistled in admiration. He determined to know them and saw to it that they became acquainted with his daughters and were frequently invited to his home.

The Carr girls became great favorites there. Just when they were introduced by the Griffiths and were being hailed as Princesses Charming their father died. They moved back to Leavenworth, where they might live with less expense.

Many suitors followed them into the wilderness, and the girls waved them away and went heart free and happy in the little town.

Within a year after their father died their only brother also died. This was a severe blow to the little family, and Alice so pined away in her grief that Dr. Griffiths sent his daughters to her and had them take her away to St. Augustine, Fla.

Alice was the prettier of the two girls. She had not been at St. Augustine a month before society there was at her feet. Men raved over her, and Samuel Sloan Chauncey seemed to have a little the best of the season's acquaintances.

The next year Alice went with the Griffiths to Newport. Possibly she knew she would meet Dr. Chauncey at Newport and accepted the invitation with some foreknowing of what was likely to happen. Neither Louisville nor Leavenworth was dumfounded when it was announced that Alice Carr was going to marry a New York millionaire.

The wedding occurred at the Louisville Episcopal cathedral Jan. 11, 1894. Alice had desired that it be simple and in harmony with her station in life, but her friends would not have it so and married her brilliantly, as society could. Mr. Chauncey took his bride to 14 Joralemon street, Brooklyn, and installed her there as the mistress of a home stored with such splendors as she had not seen before save in the homes of admiring friends.

Their social triumphs were short lived. Consumption fastened upon the husband.

A little daughter was born to them, and just when they were best prepared to enjoy their home as a family they were compelled hurriedly to leave—to go flying from one health resort to another seeking that which they were never to find, the air that would save the husband. He died Sept. 6, 1899, at Colorado Springs. He had left her more than a million dollars, and she was now even more beautiful that ever.

Mrs. Chauncey returned to her Brooklyn home and sent for her mother and sister. They went abroad upon an extensive tour, and Grace became almost as much of a favorite as her sister Alice had been.

It was all like a dream—the old home back in the Indiana woods, with its bare walls, its poverty, its isolation and its ignorance of things in the busy world. But they were sensible women, not pretending to be what they were not, and people liked them exceedingly, and many brilliant men wanted to marry Grace. She accepted Lord William Charles Wynn Newborough, an Irish lord. She met her distinguished fiance down in Egypt.

She Was Talking to Baby.

The genuinely tactful married woman of the present day doesn't portray her husband's shortcomings to him in a direct manner, says the Washington Post. She tells it all to the baby when he is sitting in the same room. The way this scheme works was illustrated in a happy little $22.50 per month home on Capitol hill the other evening. The man and his wife had had a few words. He was sitting by the front window reading the paper, and she was goo-oo-ing to the baby in her lap.

"Yes," she crooned to the baby, "its father is a nasty, ill tempered brute, isn't he, tum-tums, and he's always snarling and growling around the house, isn't he, mamma's itty oopsy-woopsy?"

Then she glanced at the husband and father out of the corner of her eye, in order to ascertain if she had succeeded in getting a rise out of him. He only crackled the paper nervously, however, and went on reading.

"And he's getting to be as stingy as a miser, too, isn't he, mamma's obsy-boybsy?" she went on, dandling the baby up and down. "And he makes a big row over every penny I spend for the house, doesn't he, mamma's pet, and he knows that I've made over the dresses I had when I married him over and over again until they're nothing but ragses, doesn't he, mamma's itty tipsy-wipsy?"

Again she glanced over to him to see if she had him going, but he went right on reading the same line of the same political speech for the seventy-fourth time, when she resumed:

"And he dresses himself like a nabob, doesn't he, mamma's oobsy-woobsy, and he's never at home, and he spends more money on drink and cigars than he lets me have for a week's grocery bills, and goodness gracious only knows what keeps him out until about 2 o'clock in the morning three nights in the week, and he treats baby's itty ganmother like a brute, and he never has a civil word for anybody, and he is beginning to drink like a fish and to neglect and hate his family, isn't he, mamma's topsy-wopsy?"

"Say," broke in the husband and father at this point, throwing down his paper, "that's a durned pretty way for you to talk to me, isn't it?"

She looked up at him with an expression of intense surprise.

"I haven't said a word to you," she said in a wrongfully accused tone. "I was only talking to baby. I suppose you will permit me to talk to my own baby, won't you?"

Why, of course, a woman has a right to talk to her own baby, hasn't she? This system of hammering him on his weak spots, involving, as it does, much less danger of a fierce and noisy come back than if he is addressed in direct fashion, is worthy of the highest recommendation.

Children at Meals.

At mealtimes children may learn much in self control, thoughtfulness for others and the small self sacrifice which are an integral part of good manners, says Home Notes.

The little 3-year-old maiden who has to wait patiently for her turn to be served with pudding or to be lifted from her chair when the meal is over is learning a valuable lesson, and the comfort of the whole family is enhanced incidentally while it is being taught.

That meals may become pleasant lessons in kindness and good manners each child should be taught to render some little service—to look to the wants of those around—and not to be contented with merely satisfying its own hunger. In some families it falls to the girls to replenish the teapot from the kettle, to cut the cake and to perform similar little tasks. Why should not the boys do this? They need the little discipline that waiting on others demands far more than their sisters, and, therefore, they should not have less training in habits of courtesy and kindness.

Children may and should be taught at table not to find fault with their food. Nothing is more wearying to a housewife than to hear grumbles and complaints about what to set on the table. Probably the fare is excellent, but even if a dish happens to be a failure generally the only person who need comment upon it is the mistress of the house, and she should refrain from doing so, if possible, till she interviews the cook next morning and gives her orders for the day. The rule should be pleasant comments or none. And even pleasant comments on the viands should be few, for children soon get into the habit of thinking and speaking too much of eating and drinking, and it is a habit which grows and is most contemptible and disagreeable in later life.

Beautiful Cora Livingston.

Under the John Quincy Adams administration Cora Livingston was recognized as one of a trio of the foremost beauties of the United States, writes William Perrine in The Ladies' Home Journal. "During the period from 1820 to 1830," said Josiah Quincy, who had a critical eye for pretty girls, "who has not heard of the three great belles of this country—Miss Cora Livingston of New Orleans, Miss Julia Dickenson of Troy and Miss Emily Marshall of Boston?" Indeed he observed that he would need to know how to paint the rose to describe Miss Cora. "In the first place." he went on to say, "she is not handsome—I mean not transcendently handsome—but she has a fine figure, a pretty face, dances well and dresses to admiration. It is the height of the ton to be her admirer, and she is certainly the belle of this country."

The beauty of Cora Livingston Barton had ripened early, and it faded early. Long after the days of her supremacy as a belle were gone Josiah Quincy was taken to her home at Montgomery Place on the Hudson. He had not seen her for 30 years. "Will you come into the house and see Mrs. Barton?" he was asked. He assented, and he saw an old lady in cap and dress of studied simplicity. "You would not have known me," she said, and he could not make reply. "Come into the next room," she then said, "and you will see the Cora Livingston you knew in Washington." There he saw the full length portrait of the beauty to whom he had paid homage a generation before, and he could gaze upon it only in silence.

Poor Economy.

It is poor thrift to economize on a nursemaid when the children are small. The physical care of young children is so great a drain upon a mother that she seldom has any energy left for anything else. It were better a thousand times that she go without a new gown now and then or some luxury and have a strong, intelligent nursegirl. Her value is beyond computation. When the children (boys especially) reach the age of 5 or 6, they begin to resent the care and control of a nursegirl. Then it is that the mother who has carefully husbanded her strength can come to the rescue with enthusiasm. Great is her opportunity.

Of course the faithful, intelligent nursegirl is hard to get, and there are the same problems revolving about her realm as we have to deal with in regard to the general servant question, but if you can get a good nurse be willing to give up some luxury to pay well for this necessity, and when you get her keep her. Insist upon perfect neatness and cleanliness of person, and if she is conscientious the problem, for a time at least, will be solved, but even with a jewel of a nursemaid the eternal vigilance of the mother must never be relaxed, for however good and faithful a maid may be she is mortal and subject to forgetfulness, which might be fatal to the welfare of the children.—Catherine T. Reighard in Good Housekeeping.

Kind Hearted Wilhelmina.

When Wilhelmina, the young queen of Holland, was a little girl, her father was presented by his good city of Amsterdam with a beautiful set of cups and saucers. So highly did he prize them that he at once issued orders that any one in the palace who should be so unfortunate as to break one should at once be dismissed. Not long after this order little Wilhelmina was surprised to discover her favorite footman weeping bitterly. It seemed that he had been so unfortunate as to break one of the cups in carrying it from the room in which he had been serving tea. The princess was deeply grieved at the accident; but, having discovered that the pieces were quite large and could be easily glued together, she said to the footman:

"If you will do exactly as I direct, I will try to help you out of your trouble. You can easily glue these pieces together. This afternoon when you are serving tea bring this cup to me filled with cold tea, and I will see what I can do about it."

The footman obeyed his directions exactly. A moment after the princess had received her cup she managed to let it fall so that it broke into thousands of pieces. The king was furiously angry.

"Goodby, father!" cried Wilhelmina, her arms about his neck. "I'm going. You said whoever broke a cup should be banished."

Of course her father forgave her, and some little time afterward she confessed the whole affair, only she would never reveal which of the footmen had been the real culprit.

Washing the Hair.

Washing of the head is another matter not to be governed by any given rule. Very oily suits of hair or scalps which perspire winter and summer abnormally require shampooing every three weeks, while dry scalps are injured by too frequent washing, once in four weeks sufficing. Neither do dry scalps require the use of borax or soda in the shampoo for their use. Simple white castile soap of good quality is the correct thing for them. Under no circumstances should ammonia ever be used in washing the hair. It destroys the color and makes the hair brittle. When scalps are subject to continuous perspiration, special advice should be taken, as medical treatment for the affected glands is the only way to save the hair from being irretrievably lost. Sunning and airing the hair cannot be too much commended as the very best means of keeping it in perfect health. Whenever opportunity offers to let the hair hang loose for an hour or two it should be taken advantage of. Lastly, in dressing the hair endeavor to avoid all strain upon the roots and use celluloid or shell hairpins in preference to metal ones.—New York Vogue.

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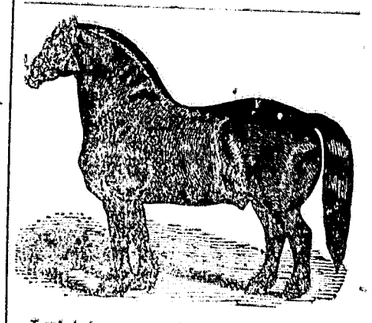
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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26, 1900.

A big boa constrictor has escaped from a circus, and is now ravaging the interior of New Jersey. Farmers are hereby warned that he must not be mistaken for the octopus.

It is at least worthy of attention of the British, to note that the announcement that the gold mines must pay the cost of the war was followed by a renewal of hostilities in South Africa. The gold mine owners may prefer Boer rule after all.

Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural Department announces that frozen Alaska will in all probability produce more wheat at some time not very far distant than the Dakotas have ever done. We may yet see an immense population living up there.

It is a demonstrable fact that the United States is rapidly displacing Great Britain as arbiter of the world's trade. England's imports now largely exceed her exports both in quantity and value. Unless she can reverse this, her decline and fall are inevitable, her greatness in the past having rested entirely on her ability to manufacture for the rest of the world.

The Century's Ending.

New Year's day will usher in the twentieth century. The transition has, however, been so much in mind, and has led to so many reviews of the period that lies behind us and forecasts of that which is to come, that there is little reason for trying to add anything more by way of effort to jog the memory or stimulate the imagination. As we remarked a year ago, the century end represents no real cleavage of periods or epochs, but it is at once arbitrary and accidental. The equator is an imaginary line, but it is not accidental. It is determined on mathematical principles by essential conditions. The most striking experiences of the human race do not accommodate themselves in any very symmetrical fashion to the marshaling of the years by tens and hundreds. But for the ancestral habit of using the fingers as an aid to ready reckoning, we should never have had the decimal system of numbers. And of course, without the decimal system, it would never have occurred to us to mark off the larger divisions of time by those periods of ten times ten years that we call centuries. This tendency to apply "round" numbers has had many an application far more practical than the recognition of hundred-year periods as fixed in the Gregorian Calendar. Countless millions of men,—doubtless billions,—in ancient, medieval, and modern times, have been organized as soldiers on the plan of the century, or company of a hundred. The discovery that a different numerical basis affords a better scheme of organization has been a comparatively recent one. But the world will continue to mark time by centuries, and to find the measure on some accounts a convenient one.—American Review of Reviews.

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Greeting the New Century.

The wide discrepancy between the indications of various timepieces, which covers a range of perhaps a quarter of an hour, even in clocks which enjoy a reputation of being well regulated, naturally results in a rather ragged beginning of the welcome to the infant year. The early birds have the advantage in the total amount of noise produced, but their premature efforts are purely local in fact. The real symposium of hubbub does not make itself heard until at the exact instant when the last minute of the dying year has breathed its last. Then it rolls forth in chaotic volume, accompanied by engine whistles, bells, firecrackers, yells and every variety of horn toot that has ever been devised by ingenuity of man. It seems to endure for many minutes without an appreciable break, although there is an unconfirmed report that individual noisemakers have been known to stop for breath or to give their second wind a good flying start. Chimes which in ordinary times are irresistible in sweetness can scarcely be heard on New Year's morning except by ears close to the belfry or during a lull in the babel of noises all around.

GOULD'S ACADEMY ITEMS.

Mr. H. L. Upton is spending the holidays at his home in Camden.

Assistant-Principal Dyer spent Christmas at his home in Charleston.

The Academy closed Friday for a short Christmas vacation. School will reopen to-morrow.

All of the students who could conveniently do so, went home for the Christmas holiday.

Miss Eva Whidden of Portland began her studies at G. A. at the beginning of the second week of this term.

A social was held at the Gym, last Friday evening, for the benefit of the Athletic Association. It was quite well attend despite the fact that many of the students from out of town had gone to their homes for the Christmas recess, and a sum of about $13.00 was realized. Many interesting features were introduced, among which was a post office that caused a great deal of fun. Games, marches, etc., were enjoyed. The social was in charge of Mr. Hanscom, Mr. Dyer, and Mr. Upton.

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Among the most noted of our contributors are:

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, on Agriculture; Senator Chauncey M. Depew, on Politics; Russell Sage, on Finance; Thomas Edison, on Electricity; Dr. Madison Peters, on Religion; General Merritt, on Land Warfare; Admiral Hichborn, on Naval Warfare; "Al" Smith, on Sports, etc.; making a complete review of the whole field of human endeavor and progress.

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LOCALS.

Mrs. Frank Young visited in Norway recently.

Mr. F. L. Edwards is putting 500 cords of fir pulp wood into Alder brook.

C. E. Valentine and family, Geo. A. Chapman and family, Dana Grover and Miss Alice Libby of Portland dined with Dea. and Mrs. E. P. Grover, Christmas.

Baker—Kimball.

The residence of Mr. Leslie Lee Mason, Deering Highlands, was the scene of a very quiet home wedding Wednesday afternoon, December 19, when Mrs. Mason's sister, Miss Agnes M. Kimball and Mr. George S. Baker were united in marriage by the Rev. Ernest A. Pressey, rector of Trinity chapel, Woodfords.

Only the immediate relatives were present. The bridal couple left on the 6 o'clock train for a short wedding trip west.

New Year's Resolutions.

For three or four days after the new year has dawned there is a sound of crashing and smashing in the atmosphere. It is the world breaking its good resolutions. All the little domestic ones fall one by one. Nellie was never to resent the little hourly corrections; Willie was to stop teasing; mother was to stop worrying. All these have been disregarded. Nellie is as touchy as ever; Willie is a worse tease than ever; mother's brow looks like a cornfield; the old heathen ways are working again.—Chicago Times-Herald.

WEST BETHEL.

"—December drear
Now ends the year,
The month that seems the longest."

Next week we enter upon the twentieth century.

Perley Flanders and wife have gone to housekeeping.

George A. Grover remains about the same as last reported.

We wish all our readers a happy New Year a few days in advance.

A. P. Mason has been cutting and selling some birch for spool strips, and hauled it to the mill last week.

Fred McLeod has leased the hotel in this village, and moved his family here from Albany last week.

George Luxton has moved here from Shelburne, N. H., and is driving a lumber team for Mrs. L. E. Bean.

Dana Grover came home from Portland to spend the Chirstmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Grover.

Mrs. L. H. Tyler is in very feeble health, and has been advised by her physician here to go to the Maine General Hospital for treatment.

Mr. Springer, of the firm of Merrill, Springer & Co., is here this week making some repairs in the steam-mill, which they recently purchased, and some of the machinery will be started Wednesday.

How to Cure Croup.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amenia, Duchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. *

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IN THE TWENTIETH GENTURY.

Will lovely woman do the proposing?

Will men wear birds on their hats and crochet?

Will the housemaid be a horseman?

Will politics be run on a philanthropic basis?

Will little airships be provided for messenger boys?

Will men wear frilled shirt waists and women trousers?

Will the college girl carry a cane and smoke a pipe?

Will there be free lunch stands for women?

Will men go to church evenings instead of to the club?

Will the wife kiss her husband goodby before starting off to business?

Will women either wear short skirts or have pages to carry their trains?

Will squirrels wait just a quarter of a second longer to make faces at the hunter?

Will rich noblemen marry poor American girls?

Will hornets and other stinging things arbitrate instead of fight when their nests are pulled?

Will the grain be extracted from the heads of wheat and other cereals by a magnet and save the labor of harvesting straw?

Will there be a law compelling barbers to remain silent?

Will cows come home at milking time as eagerly as field hands come to supper?

And will those same cows semi-occasionally turn grass into butter instead of milk?

Will there be any escape from the coon song save suicide?

Will every busy man wear an illuminated collar button?

Will the automatic principle be adjusted to taxes so that they pay themselves.

Will there be a society for the extermination of noisy milkmen which will really exterminate?

Will pounds be pounds and quarts be quarts in weight as well as in price?

Will women be compelled to flatten their pompadours at the theater so that men may see the play?

Will all consumers of anthracite have the common sense to lay in their winter stock in midsummer at any sacrifice?

Will the creatures that build guano mountains at the equator occasionally fly over the impoverished farms of North America?

Will our beloved country still be going to the "demnition bow-wows" and political orators howling for votes to save it?

Now, candidly, wouldn't you like to know what sayers will be saying, thinkers thinking, writers writing, doers doing and plotters plotting at the end of the next hundred years?

Much to Learn in the New Year.

All the beginnings are important and significant, but the true eras are not in the calendar, but in the heart. The new year's beginning—the real new year of grace and obedience, with their resulting gift of peace—is not an arbitrary period, but the hour of inward choice, when the will of man gives up the helm into the hand of Christ. In that new year there must be much to learn and suffer, but there shall be more to win and to enjoy.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

In Lapland.

They sat together, side by side,
And talked inside the doorway
Of Lapland, where the Lapps abide,
Northeast of Norway.

"No winter there a horse could spend,
'Twould freeze his very mane, dear,
And so the natives must depend
Upon the rein-deer."

Her breath the maiden quickly caught,
And then she murmured, "Oh, dear!"
And twittered saucily, "I thought
It was the snow, dear!"

And then, in just a jiffy more
(Where maidens oft by hap land,
And where, of truth, she'd been before)
She was in lap-land.
—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Getting Around It.

"How did Grinner's monologue go at the amateur entertainment last night?" asked the managing editor.

"Flat," answered the reporter. "It would hardly do to say so, I guess." So the next issue of The Morning Light contained this paragraph in the review of the amateur show: "Mr. Algy Grinner delivered a humorous monologue. He held his face perfectly straight even during the telling of his best jokes. The audience was in perfect sympathy with the performer."—Indianapolis Press.

NORWAY.

The schools had a short recess from Friday afternoon until Wednesday morning.

Many little people were delighted with the supper and heavily loaded tree at the Universalist church Monday evening.

Several days previous to the 25th, were very busy ones for the stores. Good roads favored the country customers, and increasing shoe business stimulated the village patronage.

C. H. Adams has the new Universalist bell in the tower ready to hang. This bell was a gift to the society from persons unknown, and will be thoroughly appreciated by all who may reside within the reach of its rich tone.

Appropriate Christmas services were held in the several churches Sunday forenoon. At each place of worship special music was rendered, also a sermon to commemorate the birth of the Divine Human was delivered. The only concert in the village was given at 7:30 p. m. in the Congregational church. A chorus of twenty-five voices rendered Christmas carols acceptably, in fact, this feature was ahead of the chorus work of previous concerts. The musical program was as follows:

Voluntary—Festal March,
Mrs. Herman Horne, Organist
Processional—Hark, the Herald Angels, Mendelssohn
Anthem—Gloria, from Twelfth Mass, Mozart
Christmas Service—The Dawn of Peace, containing carols, duets, solos, and chime bells.
Soprano Solo—The Eternal City,
Miss Louise Staples
Anthem—Unfold Ye Portals, from Redemption, Gounod
Postlude.

Pleasing recitations by members of the Sunday school were introduced between the musical numbers.

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The New Year.

A royal welcome, baby year,
The first of the century new,
Yet for the old we drop a tear,
E'en while we are welcoming you,
In memory dear of the dead old year
Who left us a friendship or two.
Our hopes are with thee, young one,
Such hopes as have weathered the blast,
Of fame this year or fortune won,
Withheld from us waiting the last,
Some great task done, last year begun
Or planned in our dreams of the past
Fair child, there's one at least who prays
That thou mayst bring less sorrow,
Bring fewer long and weary days
And more like the blessed to-morrow,
With longing gaze at sunset rays,
So sweet from the future to borrow.
—Buffalo Express,

ANOTHER VARIETY.

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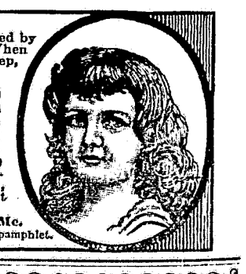
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Children's Cloaks at two-thirds price.

Thomas Smiley, Norway.

SOUTH PARIS

Mr. C. E. Brett was in Portland Saturday.

The schools were closed Monday and Tuesday.

The altar for the Catholic church was put in place last week.

Roy Strickland and Nathan Chase are at home for the holidays.

Mrs. George Walsh and Mr. P. W. Curtis were at No. Paris Sunday.

All of the churches and part of the district schools had Christmas trees and exercises by the children.

A new organ has been received by the M. E. church and an addition will be built to accommodate it.

Gould Spofford, who has been in Hopedale, Mass., for some time spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Spofford.

A large number of Rebekahs visited Auburn, last Wednesday evening, and saw some very fine work returning home on a special train.

The Pythians of this place attended the school of instruction at Norway, Friday evening. The Sisters furnished an excellent supper. There is talk of a uniform rank here, also a Sisterhood.

A petition is in circulation for the reappointment of the present board of medical pension examiners: Dr. Woodbury of So. Paris, Dr. Hill of Bethel, and Dr. Caldwell of Buckfield.

A supper and entertainment was given Thursday evening for the benefit of the library. The operetta, "Cobwebs," which proved so successful at the Congregational fair, was repeated.

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TRAY CLOTHS in different patterns (hemstitched), 18x27, 25c.
Hemstitched Tray Cloths (our special), 35c, large variety from 12 1-2c to $2.38.
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LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS in fine linen, hand embroidered, scalloped-embroidered, lace edge 12 1-2c to $4 25.
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Children's Handkerchiefs in fancy boxes, 20c, 25c, 30c, 50c, 68c.
Children's Colored and White Handkerchiefs, 5c, 6 for 25c.

Gloves.

GLOVES, 2-clasp Pique Tan, Brown, Red, $1.25.
2-clasp Real French Kid (fine quality) Tan, Beaver, Gray, Brown, Red, Black, White, Pearl, $1.00.
Cashmere Gloves (black only), 25c.
2-button French Wool, kid finish, 75c.
Golf Gloves in all colors, 50c.
Children's Cashmere Gloves, 25c. 65c.
Wool Mittens, 25c and 50c.
Silk Mittens, 50c, 89c, $1.25, $1.75.

Aprons.

Small Size Tea Aprons, with embroidered ruffle and insertion bands, 75c, $1.00,
Also Small Size Apron, fine lawn and cluster of tucks, lace insertion, 50c.
A fine assortment of Fancy Trimmed Aprons, embroidered bands and hemstitched hem and tucks, 42c, 50c.
Extra Large Size (Waitress) Aprons, hemstitched hem and fine tucks, 50c.
Also Large Size Apron, with insertion band and bib, 50c, 75c.
Extra Size Waitress Apron, with plain hem and pocket, 25c.

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CANTON.

Mr. Ed Stevens of Mexico was in town last week calling on friends.

Master Niel Forhan is visiting his aunt and friends in Lynn, Mass.

Mr. Lyman W. Smith was in Lewiston on Thursday and Friday of last week on business.

Mr. Bernard Patterson, who has been sick for several weeks of typhoid fever, is out once more.

Mr. David P. Freeman has leased Mrs. Stevens' house on the Brettuns road and will move in shortly.

Rev. J. H. Little was called to Canton Point, last Saturday to attend the funeral of one of Canton's prominent citizens, Mr. John Weld.

Mr. John E. Kellar of Portland was in town last week, tuning pianos. He is connected with Messrs. Cressy, Jones & Allen of that city.

Mrs. L. C. Hall is visiting her son, L. C. Hall, at the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary Mr. Hall has been in the employ of the hospital for the past two years.

Hon. Otis Hayford left Monday for Augusta. While there he will attend the reception to be given by the Governor to the State officials and a few outside guests. The reception and banquet will be held at the Augusta House.

Miss Julia Merrill is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker. Miss Merrill is a very popular school teacher having taught several terms in this town. She has just finished a term at Hale, and as usual, has given satisfaction.

We notice that certain real estate has lately changed hands at Canton Point. B. C. Waite sold one piece to M. G. McWilliams for one thousand dollars, and L. H. McCollister to R. E. McCollister for seventeen hundred and fifty dollars.

Eczema, scald head, hives, itchiness of the skin of any sort instantly relieved, permanently cured. Doan's Ointment. At any drug store. *

EAST BETHEL.

G. K. Hastings drives out with a handsome new sleigh.

Mr. G. W. Tracy visited Norway and Berlin, N. H., last week.

Cleveland Bartlett spent Christmas with his parents at Berlin, N. H.

Mr. F. B. Howe is getting out timber preparatory to building a new house in the spring.

Mrs. Eugene Bean and children visited relatives at Berlin, N. H., the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimball entertained a number of their friends with progressive whist last week, Tuesday evening. Four tables were seated and a very pleasant game was enjoyed. The gentlemen's prize was won by F. B. Howe and the ladies' by Miss Blanche Bartlett. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served, and all said they had a good time.

BRYANT POND.

Lee Rowe is fireing on the "helper" between here and West Paris.

It is thought that the new bridge being built at West Paris, will be finished in a week or ten days.

A new engine arrived Saturday to carry the men who board in this place back and forth to their work.

Mr. E. Jordan is the new engineer at Dearborn's mill, and will move his family into the rent over A. M. Chase's store.

The drama "Our Jim," was presented by members of the Grange Saturday evening, to a crowded house, dancing until 12 o'clock.

Mrs. A. J. Farrar of Peru, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Thomas of Rumford Falls and Miss Lottie Peverley of Hanover, N. H., attended the 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Peverley.

About one hundred friends and neighbors were present to help Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Peverley celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary Dec. 17. The evening was passed pleasantly with games and music. A recitation by Ned Swan, added much to the occasion. At 9:30 o'clock refreshments were served, consisting of cake, coffee and fruit. Many valuable tokens of esteem were left to be a reminder of the day, in years to come.

UPTON.

John Brown, who has been able to do some work this fall, is again very poorly.

Nora Ellingwood has finished her school at Middle Dam and is now doing table work at Hotel Rumford, Rumford Falls.

L. F. Bragg and family have moved into the woods again this winter. Mr. Bragg has a lumbering job near where he worked last winter.

Walter Ellingwood, who has been engineer on Coburn's steamer on Richardson lake during the past season, has gone to Andover to work at scaling spruce.

Hollis Coolidge is at work scaling near Rangeley. Gerry Brooks and Willie Brown are scaling at Cupsuptic. Scott Coolidge and Fordyce Brooks at Cambridge.

M. Fairfield Coolidge has taken the goods that were in his store here and with the addition of quite a stock of new goods, has gone to Magalloway where he has rented a building and set up in business again.

School closed Friday. Rather a long vacation as it will not commence again until May. The attendance was decreased greatly during the past few weeks by sickness, many of the pupils having a distemper indicated by biliousness, sore throat and lameness.

GORHAM, N. H.

J. G. Wells has been suffering recently from a burned arm.

John Emerson of Lancaster was in town and spent a few days last week.

Miss Kate Mullen, who has been visiting in Boston, has returned home.

F. E. Daley, who has been working at Rumford Falls, has returned home.

Ezra Merrill, who was recently operated upon for appendicitis, is doing nicely.

Russell Lunt of the Military college at Northfield, Va., is home for a few weeks.

The Grand Trunk shops are running overtime on account of extra work in repairing their rolling stock.

Guy L. Shorey has been acting as librarian at the public library during the absence of Miss Alice M. Pratt.

C. A. Towle, assistant teacher of the High school, is spenning his holiday vacation at his home in Winthrop, Me.

NORTH ALBANY.

Alanson Tyler and Mrs. Morrill have moved their families to Bethel.

Loggers are very busy now as we have snow enough for all purposes.

Geo. Leighton was in this place last week, looking after his interest here, logging.

N. W. Bennett and family have come home to take care of the old folks this winter.

C. Brown has bought the Thomas Kimball farm. Leslie Kimball has the timber on this farm.

Mrs. M. W. Pingree is keeping house for her brother, H. P. Wheeler in Gilead this winter.

Five deer have been captured in this vicinity that we have heard of this fall. Leroy Cole and a friend got two, S. E. Haselton one, N. W. Bennett one, Ed. Rolf one.

N. W. Bennett has had a very painful time with his thumb. He was obliged to call a doctor and have it lanced; it is now doing well.

Mr. W. S. Robinson, who has had a crew of men mining on land leased of C. P. Pingree, has closed the mine for the winter but will resume work in the early spring.

Miss G. E. Foster closed a successful term of school here last week with dialogue and recitation, closing exercises for the last day. Miss Foster returned to her home in No. Bridgton last Thursday.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest, give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. One application gives relief. *

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GILEAD.

There was a Christmas entertainment and tree at our church on Monday evening, December 25.

The school on the north side of the Androscoggin, a mile or two above the suspension bridge, has closed, and Miss Sharp the teacher, returned to her home last Saturday.

The Newell brothers are hauling some of their cord wood to the village, distributing it as they have orders from different families. We think our arctic weather must create quite a demand for it. Later they will have some to haul to the cars for shipment. They are also engaged in hauling spruce for pulp.

News is scarce.

Mrs. Herbert Cole is sick.

We have a new bridge over Wild river.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. W. Bennett has bought fourteen new horses.

Mrs. Frank Heath went to Bethel Saturday afternoon.

J. W. Bennett and wife are at home for two weeks.

Littie Bessie Bemis has been sick but is better now.

There was a Christmas tree at the church Monday evening the 24th. A nice time was enjoyed by all.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box 25c. Aug22y1

SUMNER.

Lynn Dyer spent a few days in Peru last week.

Nellie Chadbourne has gone to Dixfield on a visit.

Fred Wilkins of South Paris was at G. F. Dyer's recently.

Nettie Morrill has gone to Lewiston to work in the shoe shop.

Seth Parlin has gone to Portland to work in the shoe shop.

Adeline Heald is very poorly Lutie Soper is working for her.

George B. Foster has gone to New Gloucester, packing apples.

Lewis Thomas of Whitman, Mass., is working for A. W. Crockett.

Henry Hammond of Dixfield called on his uncle, E. H. Thompson, last Saturday.

Mrs. Susie Cote, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Laura Sturtevant, has returned to Hartford.

C. R. Newell, wife, and daughter, Nettie, visited L. P. Merrill and family at Rumford Falls, recently.

E. W. Grove

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

Hives are a terrible torment to the little folks, and to some older ones. Easily cured. Doan's Ointment never fails. Instant relief, permanent cure. At any drug store, 50 cents. *

RUMFORD FALLS.

Mrs. Celeste A. Brown of Peru was in town Friday.

Mr. H. G. Brown of Canton was in town Thursday.

Mr. Andrew Wild of the Times spent Christmas with his wife in Portland.

Mrs. Abbott and two children, of Boston, arrived Friday to spend the Christmas days with her father, A. Z. Cates.

The officers elect of Purity Rebekah Lodge will be installed at the second meeting in January, Wednesday, the 16th.

Mrs. A. Z. Cates has been seriously ill for several weeks, but is now considered improving. Her mother, Mrs. Rose Wilson of Portland is caring for her at present.

NORTH NEWRY.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Eames spent Sunday in Berlin.

Wm. Kendall of Bethel is plastering Mr. Blanchard's house.

Ruth, May, and Claude Brown of Rumford Falls visited last Tuesday, at their cousin's, Mrs. M. L. Thurston.

Mr. R. W. Kilgore, who has been sick for the last few weeks, is able to be in his blacksmith shop part of the time.

Mr. Howard Thurston, who is lumbering on Sunday River, will move his family into the woods to remain this winter.

Mrs. Florence Kilgore and Bessie Searle went to Rumford Falls last Saturday, to visit Mrs. Kilgore's mother, Mrs. Sophia Littlehale, who is at work there for Mrs. Scott Godwin.

Miss Edna Thurston from Errol, N. H., passed through town last Tuesday on her way to Portland, where she is to take a three months' course at Gray's Business College.

NEWRY.

Minnie Fuller spent Christm as at her home.

There was a dance in Eames Hall Saturday night.

E. J. Brown passed through here one day this week.

Mr. Dan Annis from Millsfield, N. H., visited in this town one day last week.

This warm weather makes the roads a little harder for the horses in the logging roads.

There was a Christmas tree and entertainment Monday night, at the Branch schoolhouse.

Miss Effie Thurston and brother, Wade, are home from the Academy for the Christmas vacation.

SENT FREE.

So sure are we that the locating of a few of our Electric Belts will develop into numerous sales of our Belts and Appliances, that we are willing to send one free to any sufferer from the following diseases: Cold extremities, Cystocele, Female weakness, Kidney complaint, Leucorrhea, Liver complaint Paralysis, Lost vitality, Nervous debility Self abuse. Worn-out women, Sciatica, Weak and Nervous women, Irregular menstruation, Impotency, Rheumatism, Diminutive, Shrunken and Undeveloped Sexual organs, and Catarrh.

Address for illustrated circular, etc., Sanitarium City Electrical Co., Battle Creek, Michigan. 4w30

Portland, Me., Dec. 12, 1900.

WHILE every section of the store is completely equipped with the brightest, cleanest and most thoroughly up-to-date stock the store has ever seen, perhaps the particular department for all that has outdone itself this year and surpassed all its previous efforts in the way of catering to the whims of Christmas shoppers, is the Basement.

It is the Toy shop first of all, then it is a pottery shop and a Japanese Bazaar. The stock of toys and other things for the Christmas tree is in sight to see. It includes about everything in the way of a novelty the foreign and home makers have thought of, it fully covers the whole domain of toydom. Besides the horses and carts and tops and balls and whips and arks and cars which you expect, there are hundreds of odd, queer, funny and interesting other things hard to catalogue, difficult to describe, but worth a journey to see, worthy of a place on your list of things to get for the children. Then the books and games:—several big tables full of them, the very newest and latest and best. Baskets for every purpose. Dainty Japanese porcelain dishes, beautifully decorated artistic shapes and delicate texture. Cut glass from Dorflingers and other famous cutters. Lacquer ware, chafing dishes and tea kettles, Bohemian glass, bronzes, fancy candle and candlesticks, and all the brilliant hued baubles, tinsel, etc., for decorating the house and Christmas tree. 'Tis worth your while to give a little of your valuable time to a careful look around the Basement.

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PURE WATER SUPPLY

OF THE UTMOST VALUE IN DEVELOPMENT OF A TOWN.

Aside From the Standpoint of Health, It Is a Profitable Investment—Model Filtration Plant of Middletown, N. Y.—How Operated.

A bright, clean, wholesome water supply is of the utmost importance to every progressive municipality. From the standpoint of comfort and health it is worth all it may cost the taxpayers, and as an investment for the town it rarely fails to be profitable.

The city of Middletown, N. Y., has realized this necessity and is now effecting the thorough purification of its water supply by a filter plant of the latest approved type. Its supply is drawn from impounding reservoirs and, while practically free from sewage contamination, becomes every spring with the advent of warm weather impregnated with vegetable matter, algæ, etc., which give the water a color like tea and produce an offensive odor and taste, and on beating is particularly disagreeable. It has been so bad that at times no one would use it for anything but lawn and street sprinkling who could get a supply from other sources.

Today every drop of water delivered to the citizens of Middletown is clear, sparkling and entirely free from odor and taste, and the consumption has greatly increased, for the people are now glad to use the city water for all purposes whenever they can get it. The past summer, when complaints of the quality of municipal supplies have been so universal, has proved the thorough efficiency and practicability of the system adopted at Middletown, which has had continuously good water entirely free from all the former objectionable features, from which so many towns have been suffering.

The credit for this improvement at Middletown is due to its progressive board of water commissioners, who appreciated the material advantages which would accrue to their city from the expenditure. Careful investigation showed them that the most economical and effective method of curing their difficulties was by filtration, and they then determined that Middletown should have it, and by the best and most modern system.

The filter plant which they have installed is thoroughly substantial and lasting and has a capacity of 3,000,000 gallons per day. The building is of brick, with slate roof, and is 128 feet long by 36 feet wide. The impounding reservoirs are of different heights, and in order to economize pressure and combine all the filters in one building there is a system of closed or "pressure" filters for the upper reservoir and open, or "gravity," filters for the lower. As you enter the building at the right there are two aerating or sedimentation tanks, each holding about 20,000 gallons of water. As the water enters these tanks it is thrown out in a thin sheet so as to take up all the air possible, a small amount of coagulant having been previously applied. It then passes by gravity to the four filters on the right of the building, each of which has a capacity of 500,000 gallons per day. As the water comes from the reservoirs it is dark in color and disagreeable in taste and odor, but after it has passed through the filters this is all removed, and it is clear and bright and is deposited in a clear well which is immediately under the gravity filters and holds 110,000 gallons, supplying the lower part of the town.

On the left of the building is a 1,000,000 gallon plant of closed filters, operating on the water from the upper reservoir. There are four tanks of a capacity of 250,000 gallons per day each, and the highest portions of the town are thus given clear, bright water under the same pressure as they have always had. This water is aerated by an automatic system at the outlet of the reservoir, whereby the air is drawn into the water as it passes down toward the filters.

The operation of the filters is very simple and perfect. In filtering the water passes downward through a sand bed four feet in depth. After the filters have run 24 hours one filter at a time is taken out of service, and a current of air is first sent upward through the entire bed for about two minutes thoroughly agitating it and scouring the particles of sand free from the vegetable matter removed from the crude water in filtration. Then the air is shut off, and water is passed up through the bed for about three minutes, scouring the material and flushing all the retained impurities off into the sewer. Then the process is repeated with the air and also with water the entire cleaning of a filter taking one man 10 to 15 minutes. After washing, the first water from the filter is run to waste for a few minutes, allowing the bed to settle down into position for efficient work, and then it is turned on to the clear well, and the filter is ready for another day's run.

At the right of the building are a pump for washing the filters and a rotary blowing engine to supply the air for cleaning and aeration and also a 75 horse power steam boiler used in winter for heating the building and in operating the pump and blower. The entire plant is compact and very sightly, everything being neatly finished and painted, and the entire building is "up to date" in construction and appearance.

Many towns throughout the country are using mechanical filter plants for purifying turbid and polluted waters but comparatively few people know that vegetable discoloration, odor and taste can be entirely removed in this way and at very moderate cost. The great prevalence of these objectionable features in municipal water supplies particularly during the past summer will make Middletown's success in this matter of wide general interest.

ADVERTISING AT FAIRS.

Opportunities That the Wide Awake Merchant Should Not Miss.

Although the season of outdoor county fairs and also those of the street variety is now about over, the following from The Advertising World contains suggestions that may profitably be followed by merchants when any event of that character is to take place in the community:

Boom the fair in your advertising. Do everything you can to make it a tremendous success. Have a "fair sale" to run through every day of the fair. Offer particular bargains at particular hours. Make a feature of the hours early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Offer lines of goods that will appeal to the country people. Make it worth their while to come to town an hour or two earlier than they would otherwise.

Run a fair premium list of your own on the side. Give a prize for the best loaf of bread, roll of butter, piece of fancy work or what not that will interest the women. Let them know your prize is to be given. Tell all about it in your next week's advertising. If you have some cheap specialty that you want to introduce, advertise that you will give a fair ticket to every boy or girl who sells a given quantity or number of it. Get space to run a big bargain counter at the fair. Put it in a tent if necessary; have music, some sort of an entertainment or something of that kind. Get the crowd. Have the tables loaded up with low priced goods in your line. Decorate all your clerks with big badges or other insignia. Offer real bargains. It's a golden opportunity to have the chance to talk to from 5,000 to 25,000 people a day.

Don't forget to send them away with some souvenir or printed matter that will keep your memory green. If you do circularizing by mail, the fair is a good place to get addresses. Have a sweet young lady to give away a novelty of some kind to every head of a household who will leave name and address.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.
WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Mistakes In School Buildings.

With reference to the housing of school children a common mistake, especially in the public schools, is the massing together of large numbers under one roof. This may at times be unavoidable in large cities, but it is never desirable. It is difficult to avoid insanitary conditions when 1,000 or 2,000 children from all sorts and conditions of homes are housed together in one building. Several comparatively small school buildings will afford better hygienic protection to a given number of children than one large building conserving the same end.

Advertising Pays.

All advertising does not pay. All good advertising does. That's what good advertising is—advertising that brings results.—Agricultural Advertising.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and lagrippe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for lagrippe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of lagrippe to result in pneumonia."
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For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; A. S. Bean, W. Bethel; W. H. Crockett, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; A. R. Small & Son, Bryant Pond.

How to Write on Iron.

Take one tablespoonful of blue vitriol and put in a small bottle, putting in about one-third more water. Allow it to stand about an hour, then take and coat over any smooth surface of either iron or steel with lard, tallow, soap or beeswax, spreading evenly. Take a sharp pointed stick and write your name where you have coated over with the above. Then apply the blue vitriol by dipping the pointed stick in the bottle and applying to the letters marked out. Let it stand until the letters turn red, then wash off. It will be seen that, as soon as the water touches it, it will turn black. It burns the name right into a knife, so that years of wear cannot take it

BAUER'S
LAXYNE-QUININE TABLETS
Are the Best remedy for Colds, Headache and Grippe. They break up a Cold quickly, move the bowels gently, carrying off fever and other poisonous matter from the system. Guaranteed to cure. Try them. 25 cents. For sale by

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Mamma (at the breakfast table)—You always ought to use your napkin, George.

George—I am using it Mamma. I've got the dog tied to the leg of the table with it.

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Would use Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. It is curing more Coughs, Colds, Asthma Bronchitis, Croup and all Throat and Lung Troubles, than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized any druggist to give you a sample bottle *Free* to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Price 25c and 35c. 31

When the dentists of this country can discover a way to pull teeth without making a man wish he had been born a hen, life will have twice as much brightness.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

A writer says: "When I am abroad and am puzzled about what to order I fall back on ham and eggs." The ham part is all right, but falling back on eggs is not so nice.

"Neglected colds make fat graveyards." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup helps men and women to a happy, vigorous old age. *

"I have never ceased to regret my marriage," said the disillusioned wife; it has been a failure from first to last—nothing but a series of troubles and trials; I have known every worry that married life can involve." "Not quite, ma'am," remarked old Cynicus, drily, "you have not known and can never know the greatest worry that the married state can bring." "Indeed!" was the reply, "and what may that be?" "Why," said old Cynicus with a chuckle, "having a wife, of course."

Many School Children are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Graw, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, Break up colds in 24 hours, cure Feaverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmstld, LeRoy, N. Y.

NOT JONE'S FAULT.

"Jones, you never get done talking."

"Well, somebody is always interrupting me."

A FRANK CONFESSION.

"When beauty is not skin deep, it becomes a sort of skin game," observed the wise young woman as she transferred her creamy complexion from the powder box to her face.

Jell-O, The New Dessert,

pleases all the family. Four flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry, and Strawberry. At your grocer's. 10cts. Try it to-day. 18

A SON OF THE SOIL.

"Freddy," said the schoolmarm, "what is your idea of the meaning of the expression, 'He is a son of the soil?"

"I suppose that it means that he was made out of the dust of the earth."

Bodily pain loses its terror if you've a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil in the house. Instant relief in cases of burns, cuts, sprains, accidents of any sort. *

The Tables Turned.

"We air here to-night," said the deacon, "to make good resolutions fer the new year, which has fell foul of us in the twinklin of a eye. Now, I want to start the ball a-rollin. You all know that I've got a high temper, an I've did considerable fightin in the year that's past an gone like a man that owes you $10. What I want to do is to swear off from fightin in the new year, which, as I said before, has fell foul of us. But I can't stop till I lick Brother Jones, cos it's in me to lick him, an I wants to ease my conscience. Ef he'll jest step outside with me fer five minutes, I'll lick him an then swear off for good."

They retired to the outer darkness, but in less than five minutes the deacon returned, much the worse for wear.

"I can't swear off this time, brothrin," he said. "He licked me!"—Atlanta Coustitution.

A CERTAIN CURE FOR CHILBLAINS.

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Chilblains, Frostbites, Damp, Sweating, Swollen feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y. 31

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We have a full assortment of

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China, Crockery, and Glassware.

We invite your attention to our stock in Dinner Sets, Glass Sets, Toilet Sets, Fancy Cups, Saucers, and Plates, Bon-Bon Dishes, Jardineres, Fancy Milk and Syrup Pitchers, Fruit and Cake Dishes, and scores of other things that we can't mention here.

Call and see us.

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DISPLAY OF
Christmas Gifts.

I have a large and carefully selected stock of goods suitable for Christmas Gifts, which I should be pleased to have the people of Bethel and vicinity inspect.

My many years of experience in buying should enable me to display goooods that will please you, and at popular prices.

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Wallets,
Photo. Albums,
Novelties in Ebonoid and Sterling Silver,
Diaries,
Auto. Albums,
Scrap Albums,
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Box Stationery,
Photo. Frames,
Ink Stands,
Gold Pens,
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Fountain Pens,
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TRAINS FROM ISLAND POND TO PORTLAND RUN AS FOLLOWS:

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Island Pond,	2.30	5.55	1.18
Gorham,	4.34	8.10	3.03
Gilead,	...	8.29	3.21
West Bethel,	...	8.38	3:31
BETHEL,	**5.14**	**8.45**	**3.39**
Locke's Mills,	...	8.52	3.48
Bryant Pond,	5.30	8.58	3.55
South Paris,	6.03	9.28	4.20
Portland,	8.00	11.15	5.45

TRAINS FROM PORTLAND TO ISLAND POND RUN AS FOLLOWS:

	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Portland,	8.15	1.30	6.00
South Paris,	9 53	3.38	7.58
Bryant Pond,	10.22	4.20	8.40
Locke's Mills,	10 31	4.28	8.50
BETHEL,	**10.44**	**4.38**	**9.03**
West Bethel,	10.47	4.46	9.13
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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel News a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1901, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

MYRANDA A. CLARK, late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof, presented for allowance by Marion A. Dudley, the executrix therein named,

DANIEL D. MATHERSON, late of Albany, deceased; petition for the appointment of Milton Penley as administrator, presented by Fred'L. Edwards, a creditor.

EDGAR JAMES DAVIS of Bethel, a minor; petition for license to sell and convey real estate, presented by Emma M. Davis, guardian.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of Probate.
A true copy—attest:
3w31 ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

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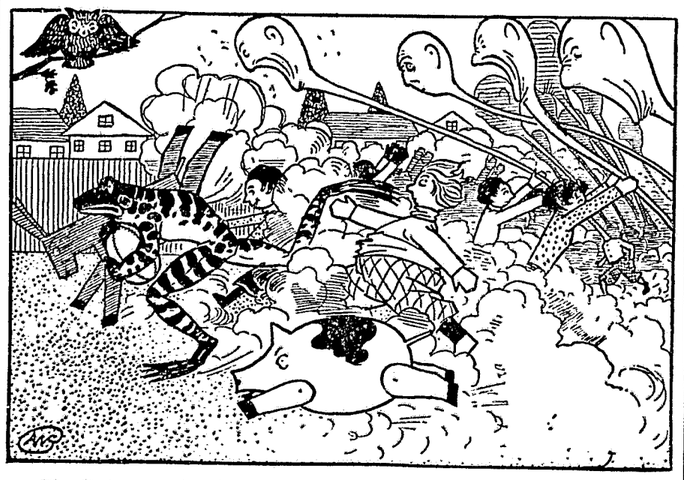
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The Jobbernowls a football game desired much to play.
They organized a lively team and practiced ev'ry day.
The Rubbernecks had heard of this. They planned a stratagem
And challenged all the Jobbernowls to play a match with them.
The Jobbernowls agreed to play. Their practice day and night
In padded suits and heavy shoes made quite a lively sight.
The Pig they chose as referee, but, oh, he flattered so
The Jobbernowls began to think they nothing more could know!



The day set for the match was fine, not warm, but bright and clear.
The Rubbernecks, who came on time, were greeted with a cheer.
The umpire was the great Gray Owl, who'd read about football.
To watch the play he perched upon an oak tree, bare and tall.
The Rubbernecks their caps shook off and comforters of red,
Then each untied his neck knot taut and limbered out his head.
The Jobbernowls were much amazed to see such funny folk,
But ere the game they'd tested much—they could not see the joke.



The Rubbernecks, like ostriches, could arch and stretch their throats
And send the ball away ahead by butting it like goats.
They also could it spinning send by batting with the head
Or grabbing it between the teeth and blowing it instead.
These were indeed quite horrid tricks! The Jobbernowls had been
Defeated quite had not their friend the Bullfrog wandered in.
He joined their team and took the ball up past the goal pellmell.
The Rubbernecks gave up at once and called the game a sell.

THE BEAR'S RUSE.

How Bruin Got the Better of the Wise Old Woodchuck.

Our folks once had a stumpy lot with woods on three sides of it. The field had been seeded to clover, and 15 or 20 woodchucks dug holes in the ground and lived high and in peace till a bear got into the habit along in July of stealing out of the woods just before sunset every day, crouching in the tall clover and pouncing on a woodchuck while it was at supper.

Father wouldn't shoot the bear because its fur was good for nothing then, and he wanted it to thin out the woodchucks.

When the bear had killed a number of the woodchucks and carried them into the woods, a wise old woodchuck in the upper end of the field began to smell a rat, and whenever the bear stole out of the timber the old woodchuck would sit by its hole and whistle to warn the other woodchucks of the bear's presence.

Then he and all the woodchucks in the lot would run into their holes.

When the old woodchuck had played this trick a few times, the bear apparently set to thinking, for at noon one hot day we saw him shamble out of the woods and climb a tree just above the old woodchuck's burrow.

Not a woodchuck was in sight, and that made us wonder what the bear was up to. He staid in the tree all the afternoon, and just before sundown we saw the old woodchuck crawl out of its hole and take a survey of the field.

He didn't see the bear, so pretty soon he scampered off some distance from his hole and began to nibble clover. Then the bear let himself drop from the limb. He landed near the hole, got on his feet in a second and lay flat in the clover. The woodchuck heard the thud and scampered for his hole, and the bear nabbed him and squeezed him to death in a hurry.

With the wise woodchuck out of the way the bear had smooth sledding and before the end of August had killed every woodchuck in the lot.—New York Tribune.

The Wise Old Crow.

Not all the people know
The wisdom of the crow;
As they see him come and go,
With verdict brief
They say, "You thief!"
And wish him only woe.

That he's selfish we admit,
But he has a lot of grit,
And on favor not a bit
Does he depend;
Without a friend,
He must live by mother wit.

The crow is rather shy,
With a very watchful eye
For danger coming nigh,
And any one
Who bears a gun
He's pretty sure to spy.

The clever farmer's plan
Is to make a sort of ban
By stuffing clothes with bran,
Topped with a tile
Of ancient style—
A funny old scarecrow man.

The crow looks on with scorn,
And early in the morn
Pulls up the farmer's corn;
He laughs at that,
The queer old hat,
Of the scarecrow man forlorn.

—Garrett Newkirk.

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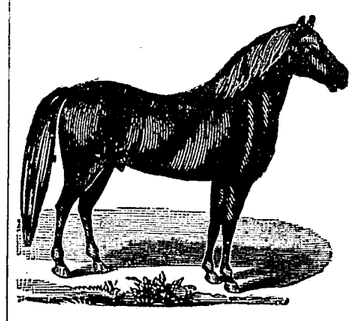
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This department will repay a visit on the part of patrons who wish to make their own clothes.

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THE MAN WHO SHOPS

A MENACE TO HIS WIFE'S GOOD LOOKS AND HIS OWN PURSE.

The "Outlandish" Costumes Bob Bought For His Wife—It Is Dangerous to Initiate a Man Into the Mysteries of Dry Goods and Millinery.

"Have you noticed Grace Brown lately?" said the girl in blue. "Have you noticed what outlandish gowns and hats she is wearing? Before her marriage to Bob Brown I thought her a girl of such good taste, one who could make a stylish appearance and spend less money in doing so than any other girl in our set."

All the other girls agreed with the girl in blue that Grace's costuming was not as it used to be.

The girl in brown had made no comment when the others had said in chorus that they "had," in answer to the question propounded, but now she looked up with a merry little twinkle in her eye. "Do you want to know why Grace is wearing such 'outlandish' costumes, as Belle calls them? Well, it is just this: Bob thinks he can shop!"

"Shop!" repeated all the other girls, putting great stress on the word.

"Yes, shop," continued the girl in brown. "Once Bob bought his mother a hat and gown that she perfectly raved over, praised his taste and all that sort of thing, and I know that Bob resolved right then and there that if ever he married he would do the selecting of his wife's clothes. And I know he is doing it. I am only waiting to see how long it will be until gentle little Grace puts her foot down and says she will do her own buying or never appear in public again as long as she lives. Now, Bob's mother did not really approve of his taste, but she decked out in the purchases he had made because, she said, she thought it so lovely of Bob to think of her when most mother's sons were selfishly spending their incomes upon themselves. Now, if mothers would only train their sons instead of spoiling them, when we marry them"—

And the little spokeswoman continued while the other girls listened and agreed with her that it was a very bad thing indeed for a man to be encouraged in the belief that he knows how to buy a woman's clothes.

Have you ever noticed what a fascination there is for a man about shopping when once he is started in that direction? The average man shuns a dry goods shop with all his might—until he is made acquainted with the mysteries thereof. Once let him become bold enough to venture in and buy a "dress pattern" of silk or cloth, and unless he is restrained he will in future want to buy all the dry goods and hats for the family. His eye is caught by the colors, and all at once it dawns upon him that he has an artist's eye. Green and pink, he decides, is a lovely combination, and so it is. Then he is told that green and blue is more Frenchy, and he wonders why on earth he has never seen harmony in those colors before and straightway goes and purchases a green and blue silk for his wife, who hasn't a speck of color in her face and is in fact undeniably sallow.

The masculine shopper bears home in triumph his green and blue silk, and his pale little wife, after a mild ejaculation, is too tender hearted to let him know he has made an impossible selection. But where, oh, where is the man who will smoke a bad cigar just because his wife has bought it or wear a tie of the colors of Jacob's coat for the same reason? If you know such a one, take off your hat to him when you meet him, for he is a perfect model of a man and an adorable husband.

I once knew a man who knew only two dress fabrics. One of these was bombazine and the other calico. His knowledge was thus limited until one day in an unguarded moment his wife sent him to the store to match some samples of ribbon and velvet for a hat. Then he found out the glories of the dry goods store and the millinery shop. He learned what satin and velvet were and even went farther, posting himself in the "trimmings" department. Now the dry goods bills of the family are larger than ever, but there are fewer complaints heard from the man than in the older days when he knew only bombazine and calico.

I am reminded by all this of the story of the woman who bought a red hat and had to live up to it. Perhaps you have read it. You know, the red hat, being a dashing thing, did not accord with the gowns of the woman's wardrobe, and so other gowns more dashing were made to go with the hat. Then the demure manner of the woman suited not the costume she wore, and she changed herself, as much as she could, to suit the hat. In fact, she had to live up to that hat.

Don't you know a woman or two who has been made quite unhappy by the bringing home of a gown or a hat that she knows is far too costly and elaborate or out of all harmony in color with the balance of her wardrobe?

If you know a man who is falling into the shopping habit, do stop him. I know this will be a difficult thing to do, but it is such a serious matter that you may consider yourself as doing a great and good work by nipping in the bud his faith in himself in this direction. I know that the average householder has a notion that if he were buying the children's clothes he would not spend half the money on them that their mother does, but let him try just once to buy Mary's hats or Willie's shirt waists and he will select articles whose prices would startle the children's mother, and yet he will not flinch, once the charm is upon him. Little Mary skips by his side and revels in the red and green and yellow hat that he has bought her, but her mother fairly shivers at the sight. Mary's little made over cashmere frock is all out of keeping with the gorgeousness of that hat, but wear it all season she must, for the family pocketbook will not permit of frequent purchases of expensive hats.

I, too, am wondering how long it will be until Grace Brown tells her doting husband that, although she loves him just as devotedly as she did the day she allowed him to select the first costume he ever purchased for her, she simply insists that he get out of the shopping habit, and threatens him that if he does not she will order every suit of clothes he wears, and his neckties, and—worst of all—his cigars! And end it all with an emphatic "There now!" which means a great deal from pretty lips.—Margaret Hannis in St. Louis Republic.

Rubber and leather casters are now frequently put upon furniture which is to be placed on a hard wood or stained floor. Some housekeepers and decorators, however, recommend instead the caster cups.

RAILWAY TIES.

By the end of the year coal will not be used on any of the locomotives in the state of California. All the engines are being now converted into oil burners.

It is the intention of the new Central London Railway company to erect over its stations handsome mansions, which will be let out in residential flats, while in some cases, where space permits, attractive business premises will also be added.

Summer cars are still running over the traction lines in Philadelphia. The company has decided to keep the open cars on all winter as trailers for the benefit of smokers. This has grown out of the protest of physicians to the effect that smoking in closed cars is a menace to public health.

In New South Wales the electric railway is making rapid progress. In Australia the street railway systems of the towns are for the most part owned by the municipalities. In Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane the horse car and steam dummy lines are now being changed over, much of the material necessary being furnished by American houses.

THE PEDAGOGUE.

Chancellor Snow of the Kansas State university is to have a year's vacation on account of failing health.

It is said in Chicago that the Rev. Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus of that city will be chosen president of Northwestern university.

Girton is the oldest woman's college in England. It was started in 1869 by five students who determined to try the Cambridge university examinations. At Girton the girls have two rooms each. The fee for the college year, including tuition, board and rent, is about $500.

Professor Frederick Starr, the well known anthropologist at the University of Chicago, has received a silver medal from Queen Wilhelmina of Holland. This award of honor has been given as an acknowledgment of a fine collection of busts and pictures secured by Professor Starr as the result of his studies among the Mexican Indians and sent by him to the National Scientific and Artistic Collection of Holland.

THE CYNIC.

An old man is content with a "living;" a young man wants a fortune.

It is becoming the custom to sue somebody or something when a man dies in order to show proper grief.

After a man has been married to a woman 20 years he still thinks he is fooling her.

You are having good luck enough if your friends never hear the mean things you say about them.

The preachers are not keeping up with the times or they would call themselves "demonstrators" of religion.

When a girl reaches 16, her parents, without going through the formality of a vote, make her the head of the family.

When a man doesn't go home to see his mother and sisters as often as he should, they say that his wife has "poisoned his mind."—Atchison Globe.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try Jell-O, a delicious dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No baking! add hot water and set to cool. Flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocers. 10 cents. 18

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FEEDING DAIRY COWS.

Daily Grain Ration Based on Pounds of Fat Produced.

Professor T. L. Haecker in The Dairy Record gives the following good suggestions as to the feeding of dairy cows for profitable milk production:

In former articles we pointed out as best we could why cow keepers should own and use a milk scales and a Babcock milk test. It was not to ascertain whether you had cows that were not doing good work in the dairy, but the advice was given with a view of aiding you in feeding for economical milk production. We do not believe in stuffing cows indiscriminately with expensive grain foods. Scientists have formulated certain feeding standards. Until recent years the standard daily ration for a cow weighing 1,000 pounds was 24 pounds of dry matter, 2.5 pounds protein, 12.5 pounds of carbohydrates and about half a pound of fat. But in general practice it was found that this standard could not be followed, since some cows could not digest and assimilate so much, while others needed more.

So another standard was formulated in which the amount of milk yielded daily was made the basis. But we find that the new formula is as defective as was the one first prescribed, because milk varies greatly in regard to the amount of solids it contains. A cow that gives a milk containing a very high per cent of solids needs more food to produce a given quantity of milk than is required by one giving milk containing relatively a small per cent of solids. We pointed to the fact that milk that is brought to our creameries generally tests from 3.5 to 4 per cent fat and that with such milk the per cent of fat was a fair index of the amount of casein there is in her milk. Now, since casein is a product of protein in feed and since casein and fat run parallel in the ordinary milk or nearly so we know very closely how much protein a cow needs by ascertaining her weekly yield of butter fat. In round numbers—and farmers can only deal with such in daily practice—if your grain mixture with the coarse feed makes a balanced ration you will find it necessary to maintain the milk flow to feed as many pounds of grain daily as the cow yields butter fat in a week.

Pasteurizing Milk.

The system of pasteurizing milk is a modification or an improvement upon that which was practiced when we were young, says The American Cultivator. We have frequently seen pans of milk sit on the stove, perhaps with an iron cricket or a brick or a kettle of water under them to prevent the milk from scorching, until the cream began to rise and wrinkle up on top of the milk. Then it was set away to cool and for the cream to finish rising. This was most usually done in the winter, and it was supposed to hasten the rising of the cream before the milk froze and also to drive off bad odors which it might get from the food or from stables not overclean. It might also absorb some odors in the kitchen, though it was not usually put on while the cooking was being done, but people were not as fastidious as now, and no one expected the flavors of June butter in what was made in the winter. In fact, but few made butter in the winter months unless by accident a cow came fresh when not expected or one was left farrow that milk might be had for the children or to go with the kettle of mush or the brown bread. And how good those same bowls of mush and milk used to taste to the boys who had grown tired of boiled dinners or of fried pork and potatoes or codfish!

The heating of the milk or cream by this process produces much of the same results upon the character of the butter fats as is done by the process used in making the "renovated" or "patent process" butter excepting that the butter is made largely from butter so far gone in decay or which was for some reason so strongly flavored or so filthy looking as to be unsalable. The heating and aerating while cooling have the effect of removing the objectionable odors from it, but they do not destroy all the bacteria, and it spoils again very quickly. Yet we know of no method of detecting any difference between the renovated butter when new and the butter from pasteurized milk.

A Tragedy.

She—If you had no idea when we could get married, why did you propose to me?

"To tell the truth, darling, I had no idea you would accept me."—Life.

Just the Same.

They tell me that the winter's mild
To calm my shiv'ring fears,
Yet ashes come and ashes go,
And hard coal disappears.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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In Albany, a shopping bag. Finder will please return the same to Mrs. A. A. Bruce, or leave at the NEWS office.

Notice.

Whereas, my wife, Alma G. Foster, having left my bed and board without cause or provocation, I hereby forbid all persons trusting or harboring her at my expense after this date.—Walter A. Foster, Dec. 5, 1900.

Sleighs for Sale.

I have a few custom made Old Comfort Sleighs which I will sell at cost, also a few factory sleighs. Call and see them. J. C. Billings, Bethel, Me.

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A middle-aged woman of experience desires employment as nurse, or to care for an invalid lady. Address Mrs. Sarah W. Brown, Box 90, West Bethel, Me.

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STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.

Taken this twenty-sixth day of December, A. D., 1900, on execution dated Oct. 24, A. D. 1900, issued on a judgment rendered by the Supreme Judicial Court, for the County of Oxford, at a term thereof begun and held on the second Tuesday of October, A. D. 1900, to wit, on the seventeenth day of October, A. D., 1900, in favor of Edwin C. Rowe of Bethel, in said county, against William Macomber of said Bethel, for forty dollars and ninety-eight cents, debt or damage, and eleven dollars and forty-seven cents, costs of suit, and will be sold at public auction at the office of Herrick & Park in Bethel aforesaid to the highest bidder, on the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1901, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the following described real estate and all the right, title, and interest which the said William Macomber has or had in and to the same on the twenty-sixth day of December, A. D. 1900, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, the time when the same was seized on said execution, to wit:—a certain piece or parcel of land situated in said Bethel on the southerly side of the road leading from Broad Street in Bethel Village over Paradise Hill, so-called, and bounded and described as follows, viz: Bounded northerly by said road; easterly and southerly by land formerly of R. A. Frye; westerly by land of Ida M. Durkee. Said parcel having been conveyed to Lucretia Macomber by said R. A. Frye.

Dated at Bethel this twenty-sixth day of December, A. D. 1900.

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